

REMARKS

Claims 42-103 remain pending in this Application. The Applicants have amended Independent Claim 78. Dependent Claims 42-77 and 79-103 depend from Independent Claim 78 and have not been amended. No new subject matter has been added.

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Lambrecht for the courtesies extended in the telephonic interview of 11/06/2006. In the interview, representatives for the Applicants discussed the rejection of Independent Claim 78 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,754,905 to Gordon et al. (hereafter "Gordon") in view of U.S. Patent 6,356,664 to Dunn et al. (hereafter "Dunn"). Examiner Lambrecht indicated that Claim 78 may be allowable if amended to clarify the subject matter of "standard GUI elements" and "unknown GUI elements" in combination with clarification that the identification of the standard GUI elements and unknown GUI elements were performed without human interaction. The Applicants have amended Independent Claim 78 as discussed solely to further prosecution of the application. As a result, the Applicants believe that all claims as amended are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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